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#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

## REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A 60-TON HEAVY WRECKER VEHICLE (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to
proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a 60-ton heavy wrecker vehicle. The
vehicle, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$410,000.
This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your
Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition
process.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This acquisition would increase the Department's current fleet of Special Operations Bureau vehicles assigned to provide advanced rescue operations in the event of a major structural collapse or at the scene of a vehicle accident with persons trapped. The addition of this vehicle to the Department's fleet will also increase urban search and rescue capabilities by aiding in incidents requiring the use of a heavy lift crane.

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#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the 60-ton heavy wrecker vehicle is approximately \$410,000. The District's 2004-05 Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase as approved and funded through the Fiscal Year 2003 Urban Area Security Initiative Long Beach Part II Grant.

Maintenance costs will be funded within the District's existing budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by, the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

Approval of the recommended action will expand the District's advanced rescue operations and urban search and rescue capabilities.

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#### **CONCLUSION:**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please instruct the Executive Officer to return adopted copies of this letter to:

 Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District Materials Management Division 5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100 Commerce, CA 90040 Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief

Internal Services Department
 Purchasing Division
 1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
 Los Angeles, CA 90063
 Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department